

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the claims

Claims 1-25 were pending in this application. Claims 1-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 26-37 were introduced to further clarify the invention. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification as originally filed. For instance, support for claim 26 and 38 can be found in Example 18. Support for claim 36 can be found in original claim 20. Support for new claim 37 can be found in original claim 20 and paragraphs [49] and [178] of the specification. Support for claims 27-35 can be found in original claims 9-17. Accordingly, no new matter has been added to the application as a result of the present amendment. Claims 26-37 are now pending in this application.

II. Associate Power of attorney

Applicants submit herewith an associate Power of Attorney for Emily Miao, Anita J. Terpstra, and Paul H. Berghoff of the law firm of McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff (Customer no. 020306) from an attorney or agent of record. Accordingly, Emily Miao is now an attorney of record via the associate Power of Attorney document.

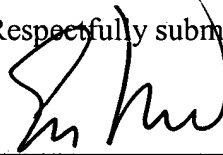
III. Restriction requirement

Original claims 1-25 were subject to a restriction requirement. The Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the invention of Group IV (original claims 8-17) drawn to a method for screening compounds. Claims 8-17 were cancelled and replaced with new claims 26-37. The Applicants believe that the elected invention, embraced by new claims 26-37, is directed to a single group. With regards to the species election, the Applicants provisionally elect SEQ ID NO:2 without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Prompt consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned representative.

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Respectfully submitted,



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